HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

10:30 a.m.

307 House Office Building

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Ball, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos and Angerer.

Representative Elsenheimer moved to excuse absent members.

Representative Angerer supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Vander Veen, Wenke, Hopgood, Miller, Lemmons, III, Virgil Smith, Kehrl and Clack.

Representative Gosselin moved to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2005 meeting.

Representative Meyer supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4460 before the committee.

HB 4460 Van Regenmorter Fire; safety drills in schools; require lockdown drills to be conducted.

Jami Des Chenes, representing Representative Van Regenmorter's Office, testified in support of HB 4460.

Jim Ballard, representing the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, testified in opposition to HB 4460.*

Thomas Mynsberge, a school safety consultant, testified in support of HB 4460.

The committee observed a moment of silence for the passing of Rosa Parks at 11:00 a.m.

The committee returned to the consideration of HB 4460.

Sgt. Jerry King, representing the Michigan State Police, testified in support of HB 4460.

Michael Thompson, representing Joseph A. Young and Associates, testified in support of HB 4460.

Douglas LaLone, representing the Mt. Pleasant Police Department, testified is support of HB 4460.

Luke Stefanovsky, Principal of the West Intermediate School District and representing the Mt. Pleasant Public Schools, testified in support of HB 4460.

Captain Michael Vetter, representing the Clinton County Sheriff's Department, testified in support of HB 4460.

Fire Chief Frederick Cowper, representing the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs, testified in opposition to HB 4460.

Officer Scott Theede, representing the Grand Blanc Township Police Department, testified in support of HB 4460.

Ken Jones, representing Lansing Emergency Management, testified and stated a neutral position on HB 4460.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:04 p.m.

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair

Ben Cook
Committee Clerk
November 2, 2005
1 hour 34 minutes

Date Approved and Signed

* indicates printed materials attached to original minutes.